National Organic Standards Board Handling Committee Point of Clarification on Final Recommendation for Lecithin-bleached

August 25, 2006

I. It has come to the attention of the NOSB Handling Committee that a previously submitted comment regarding Lecithin-bleached was not appropriately addressed during the committee's evaluation of this material. Furthermore the Handling Committee has become aware that there are liquid forms of Lecithin-bleached available certified organic. However, as the commenter stated there are no dry forms of this organic ingredient available at this time. The commenter suggested that these available liquid forms are not appropriate for dry products. As a result of this comment, the Handling Committee investigated these organic alternatives through consultation with food manufactures. In doing this, it has come to the attention of the committee that these organic liquid forms can be used in dry products. Therefore, the committee confirms its original recommendation of 20 April 2006.

II. Committee Recommendation(s):

The handling committee continues to recommend the removal of the following substances in this use category as published in the final rule:

Lecithin - bleached

Committee vote:

Moved: Julie Weisman Second: Andrea Caroe Board vote: Yes - 4 No - 0 Abstain - 0 Absent - 0